

# Skeptics in the Pub News

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# Quack Courses

The University of Westminster is infamous for providing quack courses.

In the past its prospectus has included Homeopathy (BSc), Nutritional Therapy (BSc), Acupuncture (MSc), Complementary Medicine (BSc), and several others!

# What do they teach?

Genuine slides from Westminster:

## Review - theory

- There is no good or bad energy
- Where intention goes, energy flows
- What you resist persists
- Energy only causes a problem when it gets stuck
- Every time you say 'NO' it is a direct command to the energy system to stop and go in reverse

# What do they teach?



## Ley Lines

In 1922, Alfred Watkins, claimed to have discovered a system of straight lines that connected all the sacred centres of England. He termed this system ley lines.

These lines are now called **energy leys**

According to David Cowan: *"standing stones emit energies which form these energy leys and traverse the country forming a highly sophisticated web of natural earth energies"*

Others see ley lines as the essential structure of the **etheric body of the Earth**, being **lines of earth energy**, like acupuncture meridians. The life force of the Earth radiates from the leys and ley centres or chakras.

# What do they Teach?

Naturopathy in a nutshell:

“Naturopathy follows the logic of cause and effect therefore believes that we simply need pure food and water, sunshine, air, adequate rest and sleep coupled with the right amount of exercise for health.”

# What do they Teach?

Pure Foods:

“Remember when shopping to favour fruits and vegetables which are in season and locally grown (and ideally organic) as they are more vibrationally compatible with the body.”

# What do they Teach?

Detox:

“Detoxification is the single most powerful tool used by natural health professionals to prevent and reverse disease”

“When you go on to a raw food only diet, especially fruit, the stored toxins are brought up from the deep organs such as the liver and kidneys, to the superficial systems of elimination.”

# What do they Teach?

More detox:

“The beauty about detoxification therapy is that it addresses the very causative issues of health problems”

“Colon cleansing is one of the most important parts of any detoxification programme.”



# The Good News

A lot of these courses have been (quietly) closed down.

Westminster no longer offers homeopathy, complementary medicine or naturotherapy.

Largely because of pressure exerted by David Colquhoun, The Nightingale Collaboration, Simon Singh, Edzard Ernst, and others.

# The Bad News

Westminster still offers (BSc!) courses in Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture.

There are many other universities with quack departments, some are insidiously merged with respectable departments.

# More information

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